

# Westwood Intermediate School . . .



a supportive community focused on working together to ensure our students' academic, social, and emotional growth to achieve the Spring Lake Park Essential Learning Outcomes.

## From the desk of the principal ... Mr. Larson

Next Tuesday, November 8, is an important day for our school district. Not only do we have a school board election, but also two questions on the ballot that are extremely important for the education of our students.

Question one is a no-tax-increase renewal of an existing levy. This levy was originally approved in 2002, and will expire in 2012 if not renewed. Not renewing this levy would significantly impact class size, program offerings, and the overall quality of the educational experience for our kids.

Question two would allow the district to replace outdated technology and properly maintain its technology program. It would also offer funding that would provide students and teachers with the newer technology and tools vital to a 21st Century school system, and for our students to compete in a 21st Century workforce.

At Westwood and across the district we are committed to providing each individual child with an education supporting our district vision: "High Expectations, High Achievement for All. No Excuses." Yesterday I received a letter from a parent whose child will be leaving to attend another school. In the letter she states that the staff at Westwood is "top notch," her child's teacher took the time to address her questions, her child spoke of him in a positive way every night, the counselor was warm and loving to her daughter and helped her with a friendship, the nurse was always friendly when calling her child in sick.

This is what truly matters to us at Westwood—your child. The funding from the two levy questions is important in our efforts to continue to provide a world-class education—to continue to do the best we can each day- for your child.

If you haven't had a chance to consider these two questions, I encourage you to learn all you can before voting on Tuesday, Nov. 8. You can visit [SpringLakeParkSchools.org/Levy](http://SpringLakeParkSchools.org/Levy) for Fast Facts, a levy video, voting information, and more. Or, give me a call if you have questions as I am more than happy to talk with you.

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## Upcoming Events for November

- Nov. 6- Daylight Savings Ends- turn clocks back 1 hour.
- Nov. 8- Election Day
- Nov. 10- Picture Retakes
- Nov. 10- 4th Gr. Orchestra Hall Field Trip
- Nov. 11- Veterans Day- No School
- Nov. 15- Team 5B MIA Field Trip
- Nov. 16- Team 5C MIA Field Trip
- Nov. 22- Team 5A MIA Field Trip

### November 11

There is no school for students on Nov. 11. The staff will be reviewing the progress of students and realigning interventions. The Immersion staff will also be spending time reviewing books to purchase for their classrooms.

### KIDS VOTE

On Tuesday our students will be participating in an election at Westwood. The Student Council will have the students vote on our next "theme day".

### You can Have your PIE and eat it too!

Remember to bring your vouchers when you dine or purchase pies at the Blaine Perkins (Main St. & Central) this month and Perkins will donate 20% back to Westwood! Vouchers available at [www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/wwi/wwi\\_news.asp](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/wwi/wwi_news.asp) on page 2 of the newsletter online.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Family Harvest Dance last Friday. It was a great turnout. A big thank you to following people who volunteered their time for this event: Megan Bautch, Jolene LaVahn, Erik Roell, Tim & Sara Sanken, Mandy Canfield, Andrea Stephani, Ann & Jim Corrigan, Jane Johnson, Kristen Pecha, Jennifer Kukielka, Beau Gilleland, Katie Bliilie, Andrew Zimmerman, Nikole McCauley & Steve Matson. And to WWI Staff: Kyle Fritze, Jen Jenson, Michelle Hendrickson, Kevin Lowry, Andrea Peterson, Tom Larson & all custodians!!

## PTO Corner

### PTO Meeting Thursday, November 10 6:30—Media Center—child care provided

Sue Byl will present on the 4/5 Language Arts Curriculum

If you are interested in serving on the PTO board let me know. We have an opening—Steve Matson has decided to resign due to extended work commitments.

He expresses his thanks for allowing him to serve and is looking forward in working with the PTO this year in another capacity.

**Tell us how you think Westwood Intermediate School is doing**  
Thanks to all of you who filled out a survey at parent-teacher conferences! If you didn't complete this brief survey while attending Westwood Intermediate School conferences, you can now do it online. You'll find the survey on the school's website home page or simply by accessing this link: <http://bit.ly/WestwoodIntermediate> The survey only takes a couple minutes to complete, and will be open through Wednesday, Nov. 9.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help supervise the Student Council representatives as they run the School Store from 8:20– 9am on a couple mornings each week. Days of the week the store is open will depend on when volunteers are available. If you are interested in helping out with this activity one day a week, a couple days, or as a substitute, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Paula Lanoue at 763-784-8551 or [planou@district16.org](mailto:planou@district16.org).



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# VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011

POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00AM - 8:00PM

LIVE IN **FRIDLEY** OR  
**SPRING LAKE PARK?**  
VOTE AT **WOODCREST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

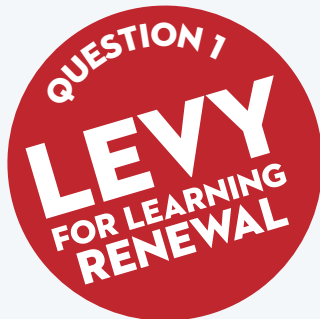
880 OSBORNE ROAD  
FRIDLEY

LIVE IN **BLAINE?**  
VOTE AT **WESTWOOD  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

701 91ST AVENUE NE  
BLAINE

## TWO LEVY QUESTIONS

Renewal of Question 1 and passage of Question 2 would sustain and enhance current programming, and avoid reductions that would result in increased class sizes, cutting student programs, and increasing fees for student activities.



Renewal of a Levy for Learning approved in 2002 and set to expire in 2012. **Approval would not increase taxes**, renewal would maintain current funding and programs.



**Reliable technologies in classrooms and daily operations** (maintenance and repair, replacement schedule for aging computers)

**Technology-rich classrooms to meet the varied needs of learners**

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Six candidates are running for three seats on the board currently held by Gary Brisbin, Colleen Vranish, and Annette Winrick. Vranish filed for re-election, Brisbin and Winrick did not. The candidates are:

Jim Amundson  
Bobbi George

Amy Hennen  
Bill Lewis

Bryan Reynolds  
Colleen Vranish

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INCLUDING **FAST FACTS & ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND A LEVY VIDEO.**